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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: LightSquared

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I serve as County Judge-Executive of Lee County, Kentucky. While my home county is very beautiful, and is the beloved home of my constituents, it suffers from very poor cell phone and broadband service. I have written a number of letters to Federal officials concerning the network proposed by LightSquared, and I now write to discuss the positive impact that LightSquared had on our state's ability to respond to the damage and human suffering caused by the tornadoes which struck Eastern Kentucky last week. The devastation is unbelievable, and over twenty people died as a result of the storms. This is the biggest single natural disaster of my lifetime.

I was lucky in the sense that the tornadoes did not strike my home county, but surrounding counties were hard hit, and by providing satellite telephones and other communications equipment, LightSquared significantly aided the relief efforts, which are still ongoing.

I urge the FCC to help LightSquared find a bandwidth solution that would allow it to use some other portion of our nation's airwaves. As an elected official, I have heard promises from government agencies about improving life in rural America, but the only private business I have heard about that plans to build an advanced system that will provide good 4G cell and internet service to rural America is LightSquared. I am particularly impressed by the fact that it will not use any government money for this.

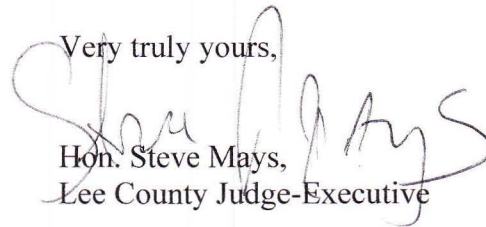
Because LightSquared will sell its service through small retailers, it will promote small business in places that need any new employment and business opportunities. If LightSquared is able to build its network, it would give local retailers the ability to deliver the benefits of more competition to consumers through higher quality service, lower rates, and expanded voice and broadband service. The goal of the FCC is to help America by promoting the best use of our bandwidth. It seems to me that the use of this particular part of the bandwidth to provide good rural coverage would be a very good use of it.

Our county has been badly hindered in its economic development by the lack of a good

communications infrastructure. The mountainous terrain is simply too rough to effectively cover with terrestrial towers alone, and the cell phone service here, where it exists at all is weak and spotty.

Hundreds of millions of Americans, and particularly those that live in rural Kentucky would benefit greatly from LightSquared's network. This is too important an issue to allow to be sidetracked by regulatory hurdles and bandwidth politics. Kentucky needs the benefit of LightSquared's system, and I urge the FCC to help LightSquared find a way to use some other portion of the bandwidth to operate that network.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steve Mays", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Hon. Steve Mays,
Lee County Judge-Executive